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To: District Engineers

From: Wes Musgrove, Director, Construction and Materials Bureau 

Subject: 2020 Construction Work Zone Safety Awards

The Second Annual Construction Work Zone Safety Awards are intended to recognize 2020 Iowa DOT construction projects for outstanding performance in the areas of work zone safety and traffic control. Award recipients include Iowa DOT project personnel, contractor's employees (including flaggers), project consultant personnel, and extra enforcement officers.

These awards will be presented along with the APAI Smoothness Awards, the Concrete Paving Smoothness Awards, and the Recognition of Safety Excellence Awards in association with the Asphalt Pavement Association of Iowa, the Iowa Concrete Paving Association, and the Iowa Association of General Contractors. The awards will be presented at the Greater Iowa Asphalt Conference, the Iowa Concrete Paving Association Workshops, and the Spring AGC Day in early 2021.

Projects will be selected from the following categories:

1. **Static, High Traffic** (10,000 ADT or more) project where the traffic control is installed and stays in place for more than three days.
2. **Dynamic, High Traffic** (10,000 ADT or more) project where the traffic control is installed and reinstalled on a daily basis. Examples of these types of projects include HMA overlay, HMA mill and fill, patching, joint sealing, and microsurfacing projects.
3. **Static, Low Traffic** (less than 10,000 ADT) project.
4. **Dynamic, Low Traffic** (less than 10,000 ADT) project.

A **Special Award** may also be presented. Often, there are project submittals, which do not fit well into a category; sometimes there are two extremely outstanding projects in one category which both deserve recognition. The Special Award recognizes cases such as this. The Special Award may not be given out every year or there might be more than one Special Award in a given year. You will not see a special category on the submittal form for this award; the selection criteria will be the same as the existing four categories.



The criteria that will be used to select the award winning projects are:

- Compliance to work zone traffic control standards and guidelines.
- Improvements to existing traffic control standards and guidelines.
- Application of innovative work zone traffic controls.
- Maintaining a good working relationship between project and contractor personnel.
- Communications/public relations.
- Accident investigation/work zone improvement.

The selections for the 2019 Construction Work Zone Safety Awards will be based on the project nomination forms; therefore, it is imperative that you include all requested materials and supplemental information to completely describe your project and why it should be selected.

**Please complete the attached nomination form for a project in the appropriate category before Friday, December 11, 2020.** Nominations can be made from either industry or Department representatives and shall be submitted through the appropriate District Construction Engineer. Each District Construction Engineer should select only one nomination in each category to return to Clayton Burke.

If you have any questions regarding these awards, please contact Clayton Burke at (515) 239-1587, Dan Sprengeler at (515) 239-1823, and Willy Sorenson at (515) 239-1212.

Attachment: Nomination Form (see below)

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